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Update: County Claiming of WISACWIS Related Costs

In addition to the State/Vendor costs that counties are required to share, there will also be costs that will be incurred by the counties for the both implementation and ongoing operation of WISACWIS. These costs could include county costs for staff salary and fringe , travel, supplies, equipment costs, etc at the DSS/DHS and/or other county agency(i.e.. a county information systems unit or central accounting/payment processing unit). If costs applicable to implementing and/or operating WISACWIS can be identified and documented than it would be possible for a county to report these costs separately on CARS and receive the 50% federal reimbursement. (NOTE: CPS staff time using WISACWIS as part of their routine work after WISACWIS has been implemented in the county should not be part of a county's WISACWIS budget. The staff is part of the Community Aids budget. Please review the county budget instructions on the kinds of staff activities that can be included in the WISACWIS budget). This reimbursement would be treated as a pass through to the county and wouldn't be subject to the limitations of the State/County Contract where the costs could become part of the County Overmatch.

However, if these costs (e.g. for IT staff, accounting staff, personnel staff etc.) would normally be included in the allocation of county wide costs to all county departments from central service units, then they would have to be removed from the allocation. The county will need to work closely with the firm that is preparing the Countywide Cost Allocation to insure that costs are treated consistently and are not claimed improperly.